NOTE XXVI.

CHRYSOBOTHRIS RUTILICUSPIS, NOVA SPECIES BUPRESTIDARUM

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Ex affinitate *Ch. insolatae* Deyr. et *perplexae* Deyr. — ♀. *Caput* fronte impressa, circulatim striata, supra impressionem ignita, vertice viridi. *Thorax* viridis, lateribus late ignitus, transverse striolatus et sat dense interpunctatus, margine basali medio lobo apice truncato. *Scutellum* acute triangulare, coeruleum. *Elytra* sat dense punctata, subparallela, ultimo triente angustata, coeruleo-virescentia, utrinque macula ante medium, altera transversa in secundo triente pone marginem lateralem, sutura foveisque duabus basalibus pure virescentibus, ultimo triente, sutura excepta, ignito. *Corpus* infra viride, punctatum, episternis pro- et metathoracis et metasterno lateribus remote vermiculatis, abdomine lateribus nigro-coerulescenti, prosterno antice utrinque et coxis posticis auroreis, episternis pro- et mesothoracis aeneis. *Pedes* virides, femoribus posticis tibiisque intermediis et posticis obscurioribus, tibiis anticis apice ignitis. — Long. tot. 10 mm., lat. ad hum. 4 mm.

Habitat in insula Celebes: Macassar (Dr. Platen).

Head. metallic green, closely punctured, and with a roundish somewhat elliptical and transverse blackish bronze impression which is marked at the bottom with concentric ridges, the middle point of which is situated at the centre of the impression; forehead fire-red, vertex metallic green; clypeus with a deep angular emargination.

Thorax transverse, anterior margin straight, base deeply emarginate on each side, posterior angles acute, middle lobe truncate; the sides diverging rapidly for a quarter of their length, then nearly straight, behind the middle rounded and then slightly converging to the posterior angles; disk with somewhat close punctures and fine transverse ridges,

bluish green, fire-red at the sides except at the anterior margin, the red colour extending over the thorax for about a quarter of its breadth on each side.

Elytra closely and equally punctured, 3½ times the length of the middle line of the prothorax, sides subparallel for two-thirds of their length, posterior margin finely and remotely denticulate. Base of the elytra, as in *insolata* Deyr., with two impressions: one roundish near the suture, the other oblong and near the shoulders. Colour of elytra bluish green, the blue tint predominating on the posterior half; the suture, an ill-defined spot before the middle and a transverse one on the second third, nearer to the lateral margin, pure metallic green; the apex with a large oblong fire-red spot occupying nearly the whole last third not including the suture.

Beneath green, punctured except at the posterior margin of the abdominal segments, thinly haired; episterna of the pro- and metathorax, the sides of the metathorax and of the first abdominal segment with undulate ridges; prosternum on the anterior external margin and the posterior coxae pale coppery red; episterna of pro- and mesothorax bronzy. Sides of the abdomen blackish blue, some fine ridges along the outer margin of each segment; last segment at the apex deeply sinuate on each side (♀). Legs green, hind femora and the tibiae of the middle and hind legs darker, anterior tibiae fire-red at the apex.

This new species is closely related to *Ch. insolata* and *perplexa* Deyr. by the absence of the three small elytral impressions, by the broad, blunt tooth on the anterior femora, by the fire-red posterior angles of the prothorax, by the excavated front, by the eyes being approximate above, by the last segment of the abdomen being carinated along the middle and by the small antennal grooves.

The type-specimen (Mus. Dresden, N° H. 3386) was obtained in exchange from Mr. G. Hetzer of Dresden.

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